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AND

CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

FOR THE YEAR

1965

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TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

MR. CHAIRMAN, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

I have pleasure in presenting the Annual Report on the sanitary circumstances of the Urban District of Bromsgrove for the year 1965.

The general health of the population remained very satisfactory. There was no serious outbreak of infectious disease. Vaccination against smallpox and immunisation against diphtheria, whooping cough and tetanus remained at a satisfactory level.

It is pleasing to record that a weekly refuse collection service has been maintained generally throughout the Urban District.

The standard of food hygiene in the District is at a high level, thanks to the work done by the Public Health Inspectors and to the co-operation of the food trade and the public.

I would like to express my appreciation of the work carried out by the Officers and Staff of the Health Department, particularly Mr. Holden, Chief Public Health Inspector, who will be retiring about the date of submission of this Report, after 25 years service with this Urban District Council. He has done much for the District in helping to attain a high standard of housing, food hygiene and other services.

I would also like to thank the Chairman and Members of the Health Committee for their continued help and support.

I am, Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your Obedient Servant,

C. H. PHILLIPS.

Medical Officer of Health.

# STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

Area : 9,228 acres. 1938  
 Inhabited houses on 31st December, 1965. ... 11,680 (6,902)  
 Rateable Value, 1st April, 1965. ... £1,357,020.  
 Product of Penny Rate, 1964/65. ... £5,445 6s. 9d.  
 Registrar General's estimate of population (mid 1965) 37,570

## VITAL STATISTICS (1964 figures given in brackets)

### LIVE BIRTHS

	M	F	Total
Legitimate	369	360	729 (692)
Illegitimate	12	12	24 (27)
Total	381	372	753 (719)

### BIRTH RATE (Births per 1,000 population)

1965	1964	1963	1962	1961	1938	1965 (England and Wales)
18.04	17.59	16.71	17.2	18.48	17.8	18.0

### ILLEGITIMACY RATE (Total live illegitimate births per 1,000 live births)

1965	1964	1963	1962	1961	1938
31.87	37.55	34.43	35.14	21.11	33.5

### STILL BIRTHS

	M	F	Total
Legitimate	8	3	11 (11)
Illegitimate	-	-	- (2)
Total	8	3	11 (13)

### STILL BIRTH RATE (Still Births per 1,000 total births)

1965	1964	1963	1962	1961	1938	1965 (England and Wales)
14.4	17.76	16.2	11.06	17.78	27.9	15.7

### DEATHS

M	F	Total
212 (220)	229 (212)	441 (432)

### DEATH RATE (Deaths per 1,000 population)

1965	1964	1963	1938	1965 (England and Wales)
9.62	11.98	11.96	12.5	11.5

### MAJOR CAUSES OF DEATH (as percentages of total deaths)

- |  |                 |
|--|-----------------|
| 1. Diseases of the heart and circulatory system. | 44.67% (44.21%) |
| 2. Cancer and other malignant Diseases.          | 15.42% (18.52%) |
| 3. Respiratory diseases (excluding tuberculosis) | 21.32% (15.97%) |
| 4. Accidents, Suicide.                           | 4.54% (6.01%)   |

# MATERNAL MORTALITY (Maternal deaths per 1,000 total births)

1965	1964	1963	1962	1938	1965 (England and Wales)
Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	1.17	0.25

## INFANT AND NEONATAL MORTALITY

### INFANT DEATHS

(Deaths of Infants under 1 year)

### NEONATAL DEATHS

(Deaths of Infants under 4 weeks)

	M	F	Total
Legitimate	3	8	11 (8)
Illegitimate	-	-	- (-)
Total	3	8	11 (8)

	M	F	Total
Legitimate	2	7	9 (4)
Illegitimate	-	-	- (-)
Total	2	7	9 (4)

## INFANT AND NEONATAL DEATH RATES

	1965	1964	1963	1938	1965 (England and Wales)
Deaths of legitimately born infants under 1 year of age per 1,000 legitimate births.	15.09	11.56	13.95	56.9	-
Deaths of illegitimately born infants under 1 year of age per 1,000 illegitimate births.	Nil	Nil	Nil	166.7	-
Deaths of infants under 4 weeks of age per 1,000 live births.	11.95	4.17	7.49	-	13.0
Deaths of all infants under 1 year of age per 1,000 live births.	14.60	11.13	13.47	59.8	19.0
Early Neonatal Mortality rate (Deaths during the first week) per 1,000 related live births.	10.62	4.17	7.49	-	-
Perinatal Mortality rate (Stillbirths + deaths during the first week) per 1,000 live and stillbirths.	24.87	21.85	23.56	-	27.3

## CAUSES OF INFANT DEATHS (Neonatal figures given in brackets)

	1965	1964	1963	1962
Constitutional Malformations	6 (4)	3 (3)	2 (-)	4 (2)
Infectivity	3 (3)	1 (1)	3 (3)	3 (3)
Respiratory Distress	- (-)	2 (-)	1 (1)	- (-)
Other Causes	2 (2)	2 (-)	3 (1)	3 (2)
Total	11 (9)	8 (4)	9 (5)	10 (7)



## GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES

The County Council administers the Health Visiting, Maternity, Child Welfare, School Health, Immunisation, Dental, Specialist and other services which aim at the preservation of health of the community and the prevention of diseases, especially among children. The Home Nursing service provided by the County Council, supported by the Home Help Service, which is managed by the W.V.S., and the Loan of Nursing Requisites Scheme managed by the Red Cross, continued to provide invaluable domiciliary help and advice.

The district is well served by hospitals of all kinds either within the district or within comparatively easy reach of it, except for casualty facilities for major accidents which need to be transported either to the Accident Hospital, Birmingham, or to the Worcester Royal Infirmary in Worcester.

Bacteriological examinations were carried out by the Public Health Laboratory Service at the Royal Infirmary, Worcester and Chemical analyses of water, etc. were done by the County Laboratory, Worcester. I am greatly indebted to the Directors of these Laboratories for their help and co-operation.

### MEALS ON WHEELS SERVICE

#### 1. Bromsgrove Town Area.

The Meals on Wheels Service is operated by the W.V.S. Meals are prepared at All Saints Church Hall and are delivered by volunteer W.V.S. members.

At the end of the year 54 old people were receiving meals on two days in the week. A total of 5,875 meals were delivered compared with 4,573 in 1964.

#### 2. Rubery Area.

Meals are supplied from Rubery Hill Hospital and delivered by W.V.S. members. At the end of the year 12 old people were receiving meals on two days in the week. A total of 1,202 meals had been delivered in this area compared with 988 in 1964.

### CHIROPODY SERVICE

A Chiropody Service is run by the County Council for the old people at Bromsgrove Clinic every Monday and Tuesday morning. Home visiting was also carried out on Wednesday and Friday afternoons by the County Council chiropodist, for old people unable to attend the clinic. Arrangements were also made, by the County Council, for some old people to be dealt with by a private chiropodist at his surgery in Bromsgrove and towards the end of 1965 another private chiropodist was engaged by the County Council.

A monthly chiropody session is also run by the British Red Cross for old people attending the Darby and Joan Club at the Amphlett Hall, Bromsgrove. This is held on the first Tuesday afternoon in the month.

### HEALTH EDUCATION

Health education is mainly carried out by the County Council.

## HOUSING

The housing position as the end of 1965 was as follows:-

Number of houses in the district.	11,680	(11,398)
Number of persons per house.	3.22	(3.23)
Number of houses built by private enterprise.	246	(248)
Number of houses built by Council.	98	(69)
Number of houses under construction at end of year.	127	(351)
Number of houses demolished during 1965.	62	(34)

## SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

The work carried out by the Public Health Inspectors is given in the report of your Chief Public Health Inspector and a detailed statement of the sanitary state of the district is included.

Water is supplied by the East Worcestershire Waterworks Company, and the results of samples are given in the report of the Chief Public Health Inspector.

### Public Cleansing.

Refuse collection and disposal are carried out by the Surveyor's Department. A house-to-house operator and a weekly collection service has been maintained generally throughout the Urban District.

## INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

Details of the work carried out by the Health Department under this heading are given in the Chief Public Health Inspector's report.

### MORTALITY RATES

FOR CANCER (ALL CAUSES), CANCER OF THE LUNG AND BRONCHUS  
AND HEART DISEASE (INCLUDING ANGINA, CORONARY DISEASE, HYPERTENSION, ETC.)

Year	Cancer (all causes)	Cancer (lung and bronchus)	Heart disease
1956	1.65	0.43	3.67
1957	2.03	0.30	3.87
1958	1.56	0.27	2.91
1959	1.74	0.25	2.88
1960	1.83	0.31	4.44
1961	1.58	0.26	4.20
1962	1.67	0.38	2.61
1963	1.54	0.23	4.07
1964	2.22	0.55	3.55
1965	1.48	0.28	2.85

## PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

### NOTIFIABLE DISEASES DURING THE YEAR, 1965

Disease	Corrected Notifications
Smallpox.	-
Scarlet Fever.	33
Diphtheria.	-
Euteric or Typhoid Fever.	-
Paratyphoid Fever.	2
Measles.	457
Whooping Cough.	4
Acute Pneumonia.	1
Subacute Pyrexia.	-
Meningococcal Infections.	-
Acute Poliomyelitis.	-
Acute Encephalitis.	-
Orchitis.	29
Epididymitis.	1
Gonorrhoea.	-
Syphilis.	-
Food Poisoning.	-
Total	527 (376)

CAUSES OF DEATH IN THE BROMSGROVE URBAN DISTRICT

1965

Cause of Death	M	F	Total	Mor- tality Rate
1. Tuberculosis, Respiratory. ...	1	-	1	0.02
2. Tuberculosis, Other. ...	1	-	1	0.02
3. Syphilitic Disease. ...	1	-	1	0.02
4. Diphtheria. ...	-	-	-	-
5. Whooping Cough. ...	-	-	-	-
6. Meningococcal Infection. ...	-	-	-	-
7. Acute Poliomyelitis. ...	-	-	-	-
8. Measles. ...	-	-	-	-
9. Other infective and parasitic Diseases.	-	-	-	-
10. Malignant Neoplasm, stomach. ...	5	2	7	0.15
11. Malignant Neoplasm, lung, bronchus.	12	1	13	0.28
12. Malignant Neoplasm, breast. ...	-	6	6	0.13
13. Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus. ...	-	2	2	0.04
14. Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms.	23	16	39	0.86
15. Leukaemia, Aleukaemia. ...	-	1	1	0.02
16. Diabetes. ...	2	2	4	0.09
17. Vascular lesions of Nervous System.	17	36	53	1.16
18. Coronary Disease, Angina. ...	47	28	75	1.63
19. Hypertension with Heart Disease.	-	2	2	0.04
20. Other heart disease. ...	24	30	54	1.18
21. Other Circulatory Disease. ...	6	7	13	0.28
22. Influenza. ...	-	1	1	0.02
23. Pneumonia. ...	21	36	57	1.25
24. Bronchitis. ...	20	10	30	0.66
25. Other Diseases of Respiratory System.	1	5	6	0.13
26. Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenum. ...	2	-	2	0.04
27. Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhoea.	1	2	3	0.07
28. Nephritis and Nephrosis. ...	2	2	4	0.09
29. Hyperplasia of prostate. ...	-	-	-	-
30. Pregnancy, childbirth, Abortion.	-	-	-	-
31. Congenital Malformations. ...	4	4	8	0.18
32. Other defined and ill-defined Diseases.	15	23	38	0.83
33. Motor Vehicle Accidents. ...	4	3	7	0.15
34. All other accidents. ...	2	9	11	0.24
35. Suicide. ...	1	1	2	0.04
36. Homicide and operations of war. ...	-	-	-	-
Total ...	212	229	441	9.62

# IMMUNISATION

The number of children immunised against Diphtheria, Whooping Cough and Tetanus is given below. It is pleasing to note that about 90% of children under 5 years are immunised against Diphtheria.

Immunised against:	Year of birth					Others under 16	Total
	1965	1964	1963	1962	1958-61		
Diphtheria.	300	338	22	5	20	4	689
Whooping Cough.	295	327	21	5	4	1	653
Tetanus.	299	337	22	5	45	9	717
Re-immunised against:							
Diphtheria.	-	110	193	34	434	311	1,082
Whooping Cough.	-	102	168	26	82	23	401
Tetanus.	-	110	191	33	396	149	879

## VACCINATION AGAINST SMALLPOX

Number of persons Vaccinated (or Re-Vaccinated) during 1965:-

Age at date of Vaccination.	Under 1	1	2 - 4	5 - 14	Total 1965	Total 1964	Total 1963
No. Vaccinated.	47 (60)	369 (129)	75 (32)	9 (14)	500	547	168
No. Re-Vaccinated.	-	(-)	(-)	6 (8)	6	59	62

## TUBERCULOSIS

All medical registrations at the end of 1965 were as follows:-

	Male	Female	Total
Primary.	92	75	167 (171)
Non-primary.	3	2	5 (3)
Total	95 (99)	77 (85)	172 (174)



Tuberculosis Incidence and Mortality for the year 1965

	NEW CASES				DEATHS			
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
0 - ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1 - ...	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 - ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
10 - ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 - ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
20 - ...	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
25 - ...	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
35 - ...	3	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
45 - ...	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-
55 - ...	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
65 and upwards	3	-	-	-	2	-	-	-
Age unknown	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	10 14 (3)	4	2 2 (-)	-	3 3 (1)	-	1 1 (-)	-



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REPORT OF THE CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR FOR THE YEAR

1965

MR. CHAIRMAN, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

I have pleasure in submitting to you the report of the work carried out by the Public Health Inspectors in 1965.

As this is the last Annual Report I shall be responsible for presenting, I should like to thank the Councillors, both past and present, for the help they have always given to me in the 28 years I have been with this authority.

May I also thank all members of the staff of the Health Department for their loyalty and support during these years, and say how very pleased I am that the Council have appointed Mr. C. J. Burford as my successor.

MEAT AND FOOD INSPECTION

During the year, the total number of animals killed and inspected at the Public Slaughterhouse and one Private Slaughterhouse was 63,167. The amount of meat inspection and supervision demands the services of one full time inspector at the Public Slaughterhouse, and of two inspectors at peak periods, in addition to the inspection required at the one Private Slaughterhouse.

Apart from the seasonal decline in killing during the Summer months, the Public Slaughterhouse has worked to maximum capacity. The provision of additional lairage space is now essential.

ANIMALS SLAUGHTERED DURING THE YEAR

	Heifers	Steers	Cows and Bulls	Calves	Sheep	Pigs
Public Slaughterhouse	1734	1872	3818	1131	39,467	10,663
Private "	345	28	18	26	2,110	1,955
TOTAL	2079	1900	3836	1157	41,577	12,618

Carcases and offal inspected and condemned in whole or in part:

	Cattle	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Number killed and inspected	7815	1157	41,577	12,618
<u>All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci:-</u>				
Whole carcasses condemned	35	31	373	24
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned.	1553	16	2538	688
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than Tubercu- losis and Cysticerci.	20.32%	4.06%	7.0%	4.97%
<u>Tuberculosis only:-</u>				
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned.	1	-	-	30
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis.	0.013%	-	-	0.24%
<u>Cysticercosis:-</u>				
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned.	1	-	-	-
Carcasses submitted to treat- ment by refrigeration.	1	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned.	-	-	-	-

MEAT CONDEMNED

	Beasts	Calves	Sheep	Pigs	Total
Carcasses	35	31	373	24	463
Part Carcasses	35	-	21	21	77
Livers	1334	4	2466	450	4254
Hearts	14	4	-	55	73
Udders	45	-	-	52	97
Brains	113	8	51	138	310
Stomachs	13	-	-	-	13
Testes	1	-	-	2	3



CAUSES OF CONDEMNATION AND APPROXIMATE WEIGHT

Disease	Beasts	Calves	Sheep	Pigs	Total
	<u>lbs.</u>	<u>lbs.</u>	<u>lbs.</u>	<u>lbs.</u>	<u>lbs.</u>
Abscesses	2851	8	61	501	3421
Actinomycosis	1370	-	-	10	1380
Angioma	3794	-	-	-	3794
Arthritis	241	-	16	44	301
Adenoma, generalised	-	-	-	300	300
Anaemia, pronounced	-	-	75	180	255
Bruising and Injury	1027	-	254	357	1638
Cysticercus Bovis	114	-	-	-	114
Cirrhosis	549	-	56	15	620
Carcinoma	62	-	-	-	62
Distomatosis	4304	-	-	-	4304
Echinococcus Cysts	5285	-	-	-	5285
Enteritis, acute	-	199	-	70	269
Fevered Condition	-	123	55	70	248
Fatty Infiltration	170	20	-	-	190
Hepatitis	72	-	-	-	72
Immaturity	-	81	-	-	81
Ill-bled	-	-	267	-	267
Jaundice	-	30	-	422	452
Leukaemia, lymphatic	-	-	-	50	50
Moribund Condition	-	48	128	-	176
Necrosis	-	-	-	942	942
Nephritis	36	-	-	40	76
Nephritis - pyelo	-	-	115	-	115
Oedema and Emaciation, generalised	10.827	175	10.598	30	21.630
Parasitic Conditions	-	-	4463	-	4463
Pericarditis	585	-	25	7	617
Peritonitis, acute septic	616	-	166	58	840
Peritonitis, plastic	140	-	-	-	140
Pneumonia	62	250	28	96	436
Pneumonia, acute septic	-	40	-	72	112

Continued .....

Continued - Causes of condemnation and approximate weight.

Disease	Beasts	Calves	Sheep	Pigs	Total
	<u>lbs.</u>	<u>lbs.</u>	<u>lbs.</u>	<u>lbs.</u>	<u>lbs.</u>
Pleurisy	93	-	66	162	321
Pyæmia	580	264	71	353	1268
Sarcomatosis	796	-	-	-	796
Septicæmia	490	-	32	39	561
Swine Erysipelas, Acute	-	-	-	306	306
Toxaemia	-	-	55	-	55
Tuberculosis	35	-	-	302	337
Uraemia	-	-	35	-	35
TOTALS	34,099	1,238	16,566	4,426	56,329
Or 25 tons 2 cwts. 3 qrs. 21 lbs.					

Other food found to be unfit for human consumption is listed below:-

Bacon	.. .. .	20 lbs.
Herrings	. .. .	421 lbs.
Smoked Salmon	.. .. .	33 lbs.
Tea	.. ...	375 packets.
Cakes	.. ...	92 "
Salt	.. ...	20 "
Flour	.. ...	51 "
Glazed cherries	.. .. .	12 "
Fig Rolls	.. .. .	48 "
Crisps	.. .. .	17 "
Biscuits	.. .. .	2450 "
Dried Fruit	.. .. .	250 "
Soups	.. .. .	950 "
Vegetables	.. .. .	293 "
Cereals	.. .. .	211 "
Cake Mixes	.. .. .	68 "
Fish	.. .. .	117 "
Meat Products	.. .. .	99 "
Drinking Chocolate	.. .. .	7 "
Ice Cream	.. .. .	171 blocks
Chocolate Rolls	.. .. .	10
Fruit Pie	.. .. .	10

### Tinned Goods

Tinned Meats .. .. .	155
Tinned Vegetables . . . . .	360
Tinned Fruit .. .. .	458
Tinned Fish .. .. .	65
Tinned Soups .. .. .	100
Tinned Milk & Cream .. .. .	26
Tinned Cereals .. .. .	5
Tinned Preserves .. .. .	6

### Food Premises

The total number of visits to food premises during the year, including visits to slaughterhouses for the purpose of meat inspection, was 1,082.

Minor infringements of the Food Hygiene (General) Regulations, 1960 were dealt with either verbally or by letter, and in each case the required works were carried out.

During the year, twenty-seven routine samples of cooked meat products submitted for bacteriological examination were satisfactory.

Dr. R. J. Henderson, the Director of the Public Health Laboratory, Worcester, has kindly continued to examine swabs of crockery etc., taken from catering establishments. A very considerable improvement is noticed when a comparison is made with the earlier results of these examinations.

The number of premises registered under the Food and Drugs Act 1955 is:-

- (a) Ice Cream Premises .. .. . 116.
- (b) Premises for the preparation or manufacture of preserved food. .. .. . 25.

### Slaughter of Animals Act, 1958

Twenty-five licences were issued to Slaughtermen under the provisions of this Act.

### Ice Cream

Samples of Ice Cream taken for bacteriological examination numbered 62. The results, with a comparison of the 1964 figures, are set out below:-

#### Ice Cream - Bacteriological Results 1964 and 1965

<u>1964</u>			<u>1965</u>		
Grade	No. of Samples	%	Grade	No. of Samples	%
1	67	94.36	1.	60	96.78
2	3	4.23	2	1	1.61
3	1	1.41	3	1	1.61
4	-	-	4	-	-
Total	71	100.0	Total	62	100.0

# SUMMARY OF RESULTS OF EXAMINATION OF SWABS TAKEN FROM FOOD PREMISES

TYPE OF UTENSIL	No. of Swabs Taken	COLONY COUNTS						BACTERIUM COLI			% of Total Swabs taken which are considered satisfactory
		Sterile	Under 100	Over 100 and less than 1,000	Over 1,000 and less than 10,000	Over 10,000 and less than 100,000	Over 100,000 and less than 500,000	Absent	Non-Faecal	Present Faecal	
Coffee Cup.	6	2	4	-	-	-	-	5	1	-	83.33
Tea Cup.	24	6	14	4	-	-	-	20	4	-	83.33
Tea Plate.	20	4	14	2	-	-	-	18	1	1	90.00
Dinner Plate.	28	9	15	2	1	-	1	23	4	1	82.10
Soup Plates.	9	3	6	-	-	-	-	9	-	-	100.00
Glasses.	10	-	9	-	1	-	-	10	-	-	90.00
Sweet Plates.	8	1	7	-	-	-	-	7	1	-	87.50
Misc. Utensils.	3	1	2	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	100.00
TOTALS	108	26	71	8	2	-	1	95	11	2	89.53

\* Colony counts of below 100 with no coliform bacteria present.



The number of premises registered is:-

Manufacture and Sale of Ice Cream. . . . . 1  
 Sale only. . . . . 19  
 Sale of pre-packed only.. . . . 96

Food and Drugs Act - Sampling

I am authorised by the County Council to act as a Sampling Officer on their behalf within the district. Sampling under this arrangement is independent of, and in addition to, sampling carried out by the County Officers.

Samples taken and submitted for analysis were as follows:-

Milk - Formal Samples . . . . .24

OFFICES, SHOPS & RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963.

(A) Registrations and General Inspections

Class of Premises	Number of premises registered during the year	Number of registered premises at end of year	Number of registered premises receiving a general inspection
Offices	12	75	7
Retail Shops	19	180	36
Wholesale shops, Warehouses	-	6	1
Catering establishments open to the public, canteens	3	31	3
Totals	34	292	47

Total number of visits of all kinds by Inspectors to registered premises under the Act ..... 82.

(B) Analysis of Contraventions

Section	Number of Contraventions found	Section	No. of Contraventions found
4	Cleanliness 10	13	Sitting facilities 2
5	Overcrowding -	14	Seats (Sedentary Workers)-
6	Temperature 15	15	Eating Facilities 2
7	Ventilation 3	16	Floors, passage & stairs 10
8	Lighting 4	17	Fencing exposed parts machinery -
9	Sanitary Conveniences 6	18	Protection of young persons from dangerous machinery -
10	Washing facilities 17	19	Training of young persons working at dangerous machinery -
11	Supply of Drinking water -	23	Prohibition of heavy work -
12	Clothing accommodation 1	24	First Aid General Provisions 6

TOTAL ..... 76

(C) Exemptions

Number of applications received - 1.

Number of application granted - 1 in respect of temperature.

(D) Reported Accidents

Workplace	No. Reported	Total No. Investi- gated	Action Recommended			No. Action
			Prosecution	Formal Warning	Informal Advice	
Offices	1	1	-	-	-	1
Retail Shops	2	2	-	-	1	1
Wholesale Shops, Warehouses	2	2	-	-	-	2
Catering Establishments open to public, canteens	1	1	-	-	-	1
TOTALS	6	6	-	-	1	5

Analysis of reported accidents

	Offices	Retail Shops	Wholesale Warehouses	Catering establish- ments open to public, canteens
Machinery	-	-	1	-
Transport	-	-	-	-
Fall of persons	1	1	-	-
Stepping on or striking against object or person	-	-	-	-
Handling goods	-	-	1	1
Struck by falling object	-	1	-	-
Press and extrusions	-	-	-	-
Electricity	-	-	-	-
Use of hand tools	-	-	-	-
Not otherwise specified	-	-	-	-

### TENTS, VANS AND SHEDS

At the end of 1965, one permanent site licence remained in force for 38 caravans at a private site in Blackwell. In addition, temporary permission was granted in respect of a site for one caravan at Lydiate Ash,

### WATER SUPPLY

One hundred and twenty five samples of the town's mains water supply were submitted to the County Analyst for chemical and/or bacteriological analysis, all of which were satisfactory. Three houses at Gannow Green, Rubery, were provided with a mains supply.

### ASHES ACCOMMODATION

Nine hundred and seventy nine dustbins were issued during the year.

### DRAINAGE

Below is a summary of the work done on drainage during the year:-

Houses connected to sewer (excluding new houses) .....	3
Houses connected to cesspools (excluding new houses) .....	6
No. of obstructed drains dealt with .....	41
No. of tests applied to house drains .....	52
No. of cesspools abolished .....	3
No. of internal w.c.'s provided .....	30
No. of pails abolished .....	14
No. of privies abolished .....	2
New w.c.'s provided in lieu of pails etc. ....	3
Defective drains repaired or relaid .....	7

### CESSPOOL EMPTYING

The number of cesspools, septic tanks etc. where sewers are not available is approximately 800, and the average routine emptying service given is twice yearly. However, complaints are always dealt with to relieve nuisances.

The following is a summary of the work done by the cesspool emptier during the year:-

No. of cesspools emptied .....	1,663
No. of loads from cesspools .....	1,896
No. of privies emptied .....	14
No. of pails emptied .....	563
Mileage covered .....	9,851

## RODENT CONTROL

A full-time operator is employed to undertake treatment on all Council, private and business premises, and a summary of the work carried out is set out below:-

No. of treatments at Private Dwellings ... ..	426
No. of treatments at Business Premises ... ..	50
No. of treatments at Council Premises ... ..	18
( Sewage Outfall Works, Refuse Tips, Housing Estates etc).	
No. of properties re-visited and surveyed ... ..	1,900
No. of agricultural properties treated ... ..	5
No. of agricultural properties surveyed .. ...	6

## PET ANIMALS ACT, 1951

Three applications were received under the above Act. These licences were granted.

## SUMMARY OF INSPECTIONS CARRIED OUT DURING THE YEAR

Defects or nuisances discovered ... .	144
Number abated ... .	131
Number of notices served ... .	Informal 38, Formal 3
Number of notices complied with ... .	" 32 " 3

## Inspections

Inspections carried out in the year are recorded below:-

Houses under Public Health Acts .....	519
Water Supply .....	12
Overcrowding .....	2
Tents, Vans and Sheds .....	83
Schools .....	2
Adress Accommodation .....	198
Accumulations .....	25
Animals & Birds .....	11
Drainage Inspections .....	426
Drainage Tests .....	52
Closets - water .....	32
- pails or privies .....	6
Cesspools .....	163
Urinals .....	3
Sewers and Street Gullies .....	19
Ice Cream Premises .....	27
Slaughterhouses for Meat Inspection .....	682
Food Preparing Premises .....	165
General Food Premises .....	205
Licensed Premises .....	2
Factories Act .....	25
Shops Act .....	2
Food and Drugs Act .....	167
Infectious Diseases .....	72
Housing Act, 1957 - Section 16 .....	167
Housing Act, 1957 - Section 42 .....	16
Housing Act, 1957 - Other Visits .....	340
Housing Act, 1964 .....	935
Food Act, 1962 .....	6
Game Licences & Observations .....	12
Animal Husbandry - premises visited .....	9
Animal Husbandry Act .....	71
Complains Act .....	32



Offices, Shops & Railway Premises Act.....	77.
Animal Boarding Establishments Act. ....	15.
Riding Establishments Act. ....	6.
Pet Animals Act. ....	3.
Scrap Metal Dealers Act. ....	11.
Miscellaneous visits. ....	459.
Interviews - owners, tradesmen etc. ....	241.

#### SUMMARY OF DEFECTS REMEDIED AND IMPROVEMENTS EFFECTED

Sinks repaired, renewed or provided .....	3.
Obstructed drains .....	41.
W.C. flushing cisterns .....	3.
Floors repaired .....	6.
Roofs repaired .....	13.
Ceiling plaster made good .....	9.
Wall plaster made good .....	5.
Walls repaired .....	6.
Eavesputing and downspouts repaired or renewed .....	8.
Chimneys repaired .....	5.
Staircases repaired .....	2.
Dustbins provided by local authority .....	979.
Doors repaired or renewed .....	2.
Windows repaired or renewed .....	6.
Repairs to waste pipes and gullies .....	1.
Hot and cold water systems repaired .....	4.
Repairs to drains and drainage systems .....	14.
Structural repairs to w.c.'s .....	2.
Wash-hand basins repaired, renewed or provided .....	33.
Baths provided .....	32.
New hot water supplies provided .....	35.
Foodstores provided .....	17.
Water supply provided .....	3.
Accumulations removed .....	1.
W.C. pedestals renewed .....	3.

#### HOUSING

Number of new houses erected during the year:-

(i) By the local authority ..... 98.

(ii) By other local authorities ..... -

(iii) By other bodies or persons ..... 246.

#### 1. Inspections of dwelling houses during the year:-

(1) (a) Total number of dwelling houses inspected for defects  
... (under Public Health or Housing Acts) ..... 360.

(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose ..... 702.

(2) Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous  
or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation.. 12.

(3) Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under  
the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably  
fit for human habitation ..... 38.

#### 2. Remedy of defects during the year without service of formal notices:-

Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence  
of informal action by the local authority or their officers.. 32.

3. Action under statutory powers during the year:-

- (a) Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 12 of the Housing Act, 1957:-
- (1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs ..... NIL.
  - (2) Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices:-
    - (a) by owners ..... NIL.
    - (b) by local authority in default of owners .... NIL.
- (b) Proceedings under Public Health Acts:-
- (1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied ..... 38.
  - (2) Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices:-
    - (a) by owners ..... 3.
    - (b) by local authority in default of owners .... NIL.
- (c) Proceedings under Section 17 of the Housing Act, 1957:-
- (1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made ..... 18.
  - (2) Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders ..... 44.
  - (3) Number of houses demolished in Clearance Areas ..... NIL.
- (d) Proceedings under Section 18 of the Housing Act, 1957:-
- (1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made ..... 1.
  - (2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined the tenement or room having been rendered fit ..... -

4. House Purchase and Housing Act, 1959.

Standard Grants

No. of applications for Standard Grants approved ..... 31.  
No. of grants where work completed ..... 35.

Discretionary Grants

No. of applications for Discretionary Grants approved ..... 3.  
No. approved where work completed ..... 2.

5. Rent Act, 1957

No. of applications for Certificate of Disrepair received ..... 1.  
No. of Certificates of Disrepair issued by local authority .... 1.

PETROLEUM ACTS

Sixty-six licences were issued during 1965 for the storage of 101,100 gallons of petroleum spirit and/or mixtures and 36 lbs of Carbowax of Ceresium.

ADMINISTRATION OF THE FACTORIES ACTS

PART 1 OF THE ACT

1. INSPECTIONS for the purpose of provisions as to health (including inspections made by the Public Health Inspectors):-

Premises	No. on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by local authorities.	5	3	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the local authority.	97	20	4	-
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the local authority (excluding out-workers premises).	7	2	-	-
TOTAL	109	25	4	-

2. CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND:-

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				No. of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness.	2	2	-	-	-
Overcrowding.	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature.	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation.	1	1	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors.	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences:-					
(a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	1	1	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to outwork).	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	4	4	-	-	-

